

## GLORIOUS

## RECEPTION OF HON. JAMES G. BLAINE

On His Return Home from His Long European Tour.

Royalty was Never Accorded so Grand a Greeting

Nor Ever was a Citizen of the Republic so Honored

AS AMERICA'S "GRAND OLD MAN."

"Free, Widespread, Spontaneous, Like Dew Drops from Heaven"

Was the Apt Language of the Workmen's Address.

Mr. Blaine Acknowledges the Honors Paid Him.

SOUNDS THE KEYNOTE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

"The Wages of the American Laborer Cannot be Reduced

Except With the Consent and Vote of the American Laborer Himself."

An Auspicious Opening of the Campaign in New York.

NEW YORK, August 10.—The friends and admirers of Mr. Blaine who had spent two days down the bay waiting for his arrival on the City of New York, were delighted to learn this morning that the vessel at last was here.

Many of them had made arrangements to have telegrams sent to their houses the moment the steamer was sighted and these were aroused in the middle of the night to receive the news.

Others who arose at daybreak found the same news in the morning papers. It had been announced that the steamer chartered to convey the Republican club of New York and their invited guests, representing nearly every State in the Union, would start promptly at 7 o'clock down the bay to welcome Mr. Blaine.

From 6:30 o'clock until 7 a steady stream of people flowed down Cortland street to pier 18, where the steamboat Laura M. Starin, instead of the Sam Sloan, was waiting to receive them.

They consisted mainly of the same men who had started down on the Sloan on the two preceding days. Nearly every man was decorated with a badge. From many of the best pockets fluttered the ends of

RED, WHITE AND BLUE handkerchiefs, and in numberless hats were pinned small white plumes.

Among the 800 or 900 passengers on board the Laura M. Starin were Walker Blaine, James G. Blaine, Jr., and Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., Mrs. Carson Lake, Mrs. A. L. Conger, Mrs. William W. Johnson, Mrs. C. H. Hunt, of Colorado, John S. Clarkson, Stephen B. Elkins, W. C. Fisher, Robert W. Steele and Col. Henry Altman, of Denver, Col.; Murat Halstead, Joseph Paul, President of the Republican Committee of the Republican Club of New York; Edward S. Bartlett, President of the club; Judge Robertson, of West Chester county; Gen. Adrian E. King and W. W. Johnson, of Baltimore; Joseph Manning, of Maine; W. H. Miller, of Indiana, late partner of General Harrison; C. S. Beardsley, of Chicago, and W. H. Johnson, representing the "Unconditional" club of Albany.

Cap's Seventh Regiment band was on the deck, struck up an exhilarating strain as the Starin started off from the pier at 7 o'clock. Good speed was made down to quarantine, where many expected to find the City of New York awaiting them. But on arrival there was no ship, and the steamer was still kept on its way.

The health officer of the port, boarded the Starin at quarantine. Deputy Surveyor Nichols, Staff Officer McCoy and Surgeon O'Connell, of the custom house, were already on board ready to pass Mr. Blaine's baggage and have it transferred without delay to the Starin. Just as the steamer was leaving quarantine a carrier pigeon was sent off with the first message of the day for the Associated Press.

Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., and the ladies with her took the greatest interest in the pretty-winged messenger, and

YOUNG MRS. BLAINE asked and was cheerfully given the privilege of sending the pigeon away. Grasping it firmly, but tenderly in her hands, she stood on the upper deck and with a "One, two, three," threw the bird up in the air. It circled about the boat a couple of times and then, as it started off in a straight line for the city, Mrs. Blaine and the other ladies joyfully clapped their hands.

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THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Mr. Bartlett addressing Mr. Blaine, said:

The Republican Club of the city of New York and its invited guests, tender to you your warmest greetings and sincere congratulations upon your arrival on these shores. In health and strength, on these shores. When the club first proposed this reception it was not intended as an act having any political significance, but rather as a private expression of love and regard for one whom we look upon as our most illustrious citizen.

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The Solid South again dominates the Northern wing of the Democracy, and the party, thus inspired, is encouraged by English sympathy, as was General Sherman in the dark years of our civil struggle, when we fought in defense of our political system on the field of war, even as now in a more peaceful time we contend for the protection of American manufactures.

The Solid South, sir, the Republican party looks to you as its leading champion in debate in the hard battle between protection and free trade now in progress. With the banner of Harrison and Morton, and high above it, the banner of the Republican party, the Republican party will follow. "One blast upon your bugle horn were worth a thousand men."

Again, sir, we bid you welcome to your native land.

MR. BLAINE'S RESPONSE.

Mr. Blaine said in reply: "MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE REPUBLICAN CLUB AND FELLOW CITIZENS:—To enable you to appreciate this welcome each and every one of you should be absent from home for a week or two. I am sure you can have little conception of the great gratification that I have received from the shores of the great Republic. I cannot tell you how deeply grateful I am to you, and how much I am indebted to you for the great honor which you have conferred upon me by your presence here."

"The campaign on which you are about to enter should be preceded, if that were possible, by every one of you who is already on board the Starin. I am sure you can have little conception of the great gratification that I have received from the shores of the great Republic. I cannot tell you how deeply grateful I am to you, and how much I am indebted to you for the great honor which you have conferred upon me by your presence here."

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